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A.A.A. Gives Farmers Machinery To Meet The Shocks Of WAR

War in Europe presents a new challenge to the American farmer. He must continue to produce abundantly for domestic consumers and make any necessary changes to meet new conditions overseas, but he must also protect himself from the disastrous effects of a reckless overexpansion not warranted by present or prospective markets.

American agriculture is in a much better condition to meet the shock of war than it was 25 years ago. Nearly 6 million farmers in virtually every county in the United States are joined together in the national A.A.A. program to stabilize markets, insure ample production every year and protect their soil for the future. Working with their elected committeemen, these farmers are in a position to quickly make whatever adjustments may be made necessary by future events, now unpredictable.

No American consumer need have fear of food shortage. Supplies of basic farm commodities are ample to meet all domestic needs, with an adequate surplus for exports. If future events bring increases in foreign demand, these increases can be anticipated in time to make any necessary adjustments in acreage.

By making possible an orderly adjustment to meet changing conditions, the A.A.A. program can help farmers avoid a repetition of the agricultural collapse which followed the last war, with its tragic waste of economic, soil and human resources.

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Building Washington Agriculture Through A.A.A.

Agriculture is one of Washington's greatest sources of wealth; soil is her mightiest natural resource.

Washington farmers know that soil resources can be lost through improper farming methods. The story of dust, drought and flood in older farming regions is too well known to require telling here.

The fertility of the Pacific Northwest can be maintained indefinitely with proper care; without proper care it can be lost. The cost of such a loss to this entire region, city and country alike, would be incalculable.

Low farm income is the greatest cause of soil depletion. To meet pressing needs for cash to meet today's expenses, farmers have been forced to "mine" their soil, robbing it of fertility needed in the future.

The A.A.A. helps farmers preserve their soil for future generations by (1) increasing farm income through stabilized production and marketing and (2) making cash payments to help farmers meet the immediate costs of soil conservation practices they could not otherwise afford.

This year nearly 40,000 Washington farmers are cooperating with their neighbors in this program to restore parity of income to agriculture and to preserve our heritage of soil resources.

MR. FARMER: Are you taking advantage of the Agricultural Conservation Program on your own farm? Complete information may be obtained from your community or county A.A.A. committeeman or your county agent.

